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1. The aircraft engine repair plant was in the southwestern part of Gatchina (Krasnogvardeisk) (30°07'E/59°34'N), Leningrad Oblast. The test stand of the plant was at the southwestern corner of the railroad station. Co-PW's and Soviet workers called this plant an aircraft engine plant. Civilians and air force soldiers were employed.

2. Between 40 and 50 overhauled engines were shipped from the test stand every week. They were packed in boxes 120x70x50 cm. \*

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\*  Comment. The composition of the plant's work force would seem to indicate that this "aircraft engine plant" was a Soviet Air Force repair plant. No conclusions can be drawn from the size of the shipping crates. These boxes would be adequate for motor vehicle engines, but it is assumed that the measurements are incorrect and that actually aircraft engines were repaired at the plant. The latest report on the Gatchina (Krasnogvardeisk) airfield, which was occupied by a border unit, does not mention an aircraft engine repair plant.  However, other information dating up to December 1947 mentioned an aircraft engine repair plant in Gatchina, saying that three shifts were worked and the noise of tested aircraft was heard day and night.

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